

SKEGNESS URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT of the MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

for the year, 1941.

To the Chairman and Members of the Skegness Urban District Council.

Gentlemen,  
I have the honour to submit to you my seventh Annual Report.

STATISTICS.

Area (in acres)	4,411.788
Number of inhabited houses 1941	3,100
Rateable Value, 31st December, 1941.	£102,233
Product of a penny rate	£270

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS DURING THE YEAR.

	Total	Males	Females
Births	130	79	51
Deaths	108	70	38

Number of women dying in	from Sepsis	Nil
consequence of childbirth:	from other causes	Nil

Death-rate of infants under one year of age per 1,000 live births: 5

Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	9
" " Measles	Nil
" " Whooping Cough (all ages)	Nil
" " Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	Nil

TUBERCULOSIS

Age Periods	NEW CASES				DEATHS			
	PULMONARY		NON PULMONARY		PULMONARY		NON PULMONARY	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
0								
1					1			
5								
15	1	3	1					
25	1	3						
35		1						
45				2		1		
55					3			
65 and upwards.						1	1	
Totals	2	7	1	2	4	2	1	



NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (other than Tuberculosis) during the year. The figures are

	Total cases notified.	Cases admitted to Hospital.	Total deaths.
Scarlet Fever	9	7	Nil
Diphtheria	7	6	Nil
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	3	Nil	Nil
Erysipelas	Nil	Nil	Nil
Pneumonia	6	Nil	Nil
Cerebro-Spinal Fever	17	8	1
Acute Poliomyelitis	Nil	Nil	Nil
Puerperal Pyrexia	5	1	Nil
Measles	20	Nil	Nil
Typhoid Fever	2	1	1
Chicken Pox	1	1	Nil
Totals.	<u>70</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>2</u>

OPHTHALMIA NEONATORUM. There were three cases notified during the year.

#### PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS of the AUTHORITY.

Medical Officer of Health, and Superintendent of Isolation Hospital; Dr. D. Fraser Menzies, M.B., Ch B. (St.And.)

Sanitary Inspector. Superintendent of house and trade refuse removal; S. James, (1) Cert. Royal Sanitary Institute (2) Cert. Royal Sanitary Institute. Meat and Food.

Matron of Isolation Hospital Miss E.E. Harrison, State Reg. Nurse.

#### NURSING.

I am indebted to Miss M. Walker, the Secretary to the District Nurse Association, for the following reports of the District Nurses' Work:-

General Nursing Visits	3604
Maternity and Midwifery Visits	1277
Ante-Natal	245
Post-Natal	111
Maternity and Midwifery cases	66

I consider the above figures speak highly of the good work done by our District Nurses.

#### SKEGNESS INFANT WELFARE.

The Infant Welfare Centre is open every Friday from 1-45 p.m. to 3-45 p.m. Dr. Wilson and the two Health Visitors are in attendance. During the past year the average attendance has been 47 Mothers and 54 Children.

The Ante-Natal Clinic is held on the first and third Fridays in each month from 10-30 a.m. A qualified dentist attends periodically.

Cod liver oil and fruit juice are now dispensed twice weekly from the Clinic.

Knitted baby clothes are made by Members of the Committee and friends and sold to the Mothers at very reasonable prices and this service is much appreciated.

I am indebted to Mrs. R.H. Jenkins for the above excellent report and for which I tender my grateful thanks. I also wish to thank the nurses and Committee of the Association for their excellent work throughout the year.





## ISOLATION HOSPITAL

The hospital for infectious diseases is situated in an isolated position on the Wainfleet Road, and is about 2 miles from the town.

There are 16 beds available for residents and visitors.

The buildings consist of one ward block, one cubicle block, administrative block, also outhouses and housing for steam disinfecter.

I must express my thanks to the Matron (Miss E.E. Harrison.) for the skill and careful attention given to all patients whilst in hospital.

The hospital proved adequate during the year to deal with all cases of infectious disease which arose.

## VENEREAL DISEASES.

There is no local centre for the treatment of venereal diseases; one is to be provided.

## TUBERCULOSIS.

The County Council provide for the treatment of tuberculosis. The nearest clinic is at Spilsby and the nearest Sanatorium at Louth. A clinic for this purpose is, I understand, to be established at Skegness.

## GENERAL HEALTH.

The general health of the town has been good during the year.

## SCAVENGING.

The removal and disposal of house and trade refuse and the cleansing of earth closets, privies, and cesspools in the area is carried out by the Council.

This work was carried out during the year under the supervision of the Sanitary Inspector in a most efficient manner.

The most important work in this connection is Salvage which requires constant thought and attention. Excellent results were obtained during the year from this source.

## SANITARY INSPECTION of the AREA.

A classified statement of the number of premises visited, the defects or nuisances discovered, and the action or result of action taken in regard to these will be found in the report of the Sanitary Inspector.

## SCHOOLS

The Sanitary conditions and water supply at the public elementary schools are excellent.

The County School Medical Officer regularly inspects the schools and the children. Any treatment required can be obtained through the medical practitioners in the town and through the various schemes provided by the Education Committee. As in the case of Infant Welfare Centres close co-operation between the Medical Officers and the Medical Practitioners is essential for the efficient service.

Milk is available to all school children.

## SHOPS ACT.

Inspections are made from time to time and the action taken will be found in the tabulated report.



## HOUSING

The general housing conditions are good, there being no houses overcrowded at the end of the year.

## REPORT ON HOUSING ACTS INSPECTIONS

The number of inspections made and the action taken will be found in the tabulated report.

## MEAT AND FOOD

The three private slaughter-houses situate in Richmond Drive are visited by your Council's Sanitary Inspector during hours of slaughter.

The inspection of meat now takes up a good deal of time necessitating many hours overtime being worked.

The number of visits paid in connection with food inspection will be found in the Sanitary Inspector's report.

Shops, stalls, vehicles and places where food is stored or prepared for sale have been regularly inspected.

## MILK SUPPLY.

All farms and dairies in the district have been frequently visited. All the cowsheds and dairies are of good construction and every effort is made to attain a high Standard of cleanliness.

## MILK SPECIAL DESIGNATIONS ORDER, 1936.

There is one licensed producer, and three licensed purveyors of Pasteurised Milk, three licensed dealers of Tuberculin Tested Milk, and one licensed dealer in Accredited Milk. One licence is granted to an establishment to bottle Accredited Milk.

## BAKEHOUSES.

Frequent visits have been paid to the bakehouses in the district. These are clean and well kept.

There are no underground bakehouses.

## SALE OF FOOD AND DRUGS.

The County Council is the Authority for carrying out this act.

## WORKSHOPS.

These were inspected periodically, and it was found in one or two instances that the attention of the occupier had to be drawn to the uncleanness of sanitary conveniences or want of limewashing of internal wall surfaces. These matters were put right without resorting to formal measures. The work carried on is mainly motor repairs, dressmaking and millinery, cycle repairs, joinery photography and unholstery.

I append the Sanitary Inspector's report and would take this opportunity of stating my pleasure in carrying out my duties under a Council so earnest in the desire to ensure perfectly healthy conditions for the town.

I am Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

D. Fraser Menzies, M.B., Ch.B. (St. And.)

Medical Officer of Health.





## SANITARY ADMINISTRATION.

Report of work done by the Sanitary Inspector  
for the year 1941.

TOTAL NO. of NEW HOUSES ERECTED DURING THE YEAR.	Nil
(1) By the Local Authority	Nil
(2) By other Local Authorities	Nil
(3) By other bodies or persons	Nil

### 1. INSPECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES DURING THE YEAR:-

(1) a. Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts.	78
b. Number of inspections made for the purpose.	154
(2) a. Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub-head (1) above), which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925.	Nil
b. Number of inspection made for the purpose	Nil
(3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation.	Nil
(4) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceeding sub-head.) found to be in all respects not reasonably fit for human habitation.	70

### 2. REMEDY OF DEFECTS DURING THE YEAR WITHOUT SERVICES OF FORMAL NOTICES:-

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers.	70
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### 3. ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS DURING THE YEAR:-

a. Proceedings under Section 9, 10 and 36 of the Housing Act, 1936.	
(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs.	Nil
(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:-	
a. by owners	Nil
b. by Local Authority in default of owners.	Nil
(b) Proceedings under Public Health Acts.	
(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied.	Nil
(2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notice:-	
a by owners.	Nil
b. by Local Authority in default of owners	Nil
(c) Proceedings under sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936.	
(1) Number of houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	Nil
(2) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	Nil
(3) Number of dwelling-houses subject to under-takings.	Nil



	d. Proceedings under section 18 of the Housing Act, 1936.	
(1)	Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made.	Nil
(2)	Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit.	Nil

#### 4. HOUSING ACT, 1936. - OVERCROWDING.

a	(1) Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year	Nil
	(11) Number of families dwelling therein.	Nil
	(111) Number of persons dwelling therein.	Nil
b.	Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year .	Nil
c.	(1) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year.	Nil
	(11) Number of persons concerned in such cases.	Nil
d.	Number of houses again overcrowded after being previously relieved.	Nil
e.	Number of licences granted under Section 61.	Nil

#### MOVEABLE DWELLINGS, TENTS, VANS, etc.

	Number inspected during the year	7
	Number of nuisances therefrom abated	Nil
	Number removed from district	Nil

#### BAKEHOUSES.

	Number in district	9
	Number of underground bakehouses	Nil
	Number of inspections	30
	Contraventions of Factory Acts	3
	Defects remedied	3

#### SLAUGHTER-HOUSES

	Number on register	3
	Contraventions of by-laws	Nil
	Defects remedied	Nil

#### COWSHEDS

	Number on register	13
	Number of inspections	30
	Contraventions of regulations	4
	Contraventions remedied	4
	Number of milch cows in district	approx. 150

#### DAIRIES AND MILK SHOPS

	Number on register	8
	Number of inspections	24
	Contraventions of regulations	2
	Contraventions remedied	2
	Any instance of disease attributed during the year to milk	No





## OFFENSIVE TRADES

Number of premises in district	8
Number of inspections	25
Contraventions of by-laws	3
Contraventions remedied	3

## SHOPS ACT, 1934.

Number of shops inspected	20
Additional heating or ventilation	Nil
Additional sanitary conveniences	Nil
Exemption Certificate granted under Section 10 (2)	Nil

## WATER SUPPLY

### WELLS

New sunk	Nil
Cleaned, repaired	Nil
Closed as polluted	Nil

### PUBLIC SUPPLY

Area supplied	Practically whole area.
Percentage of houses supplied	99%
New cisterns provided	Nil
Cisterns cleansed, repaired, covered etc.	Nil
Number of samples obtained for analysis	
(a) from wells	Nil
(b) from public supply	6
Any insufficiency and where	A few houses in Mill Lane.

## DRAINAGE AND SEWAGE

### CLOSETS

Number of houses with privy vaults in district	3
Number of houses with pail closets in district	37
Number of pail closets substituted for privy vaults	Nil
Number of pail closets repaired	4
Number of houses with water closets in district	3,294
Number of water-closets substituted for dry receptacles	Nil
Number of water-closets repaired	17

### DRAINS

Drains examined, tested, exposed, etc.	11
Drains unstopped, repaired, trapped, etc.	45
Waste pipes, rain water pipes disconnected repaired	11
New soil pipes or ventilating shafts fixed	Nil
Existing soil pipes or ventilating shafts repaired	2
Drains reconstructed	1

### CESSPOOLS

Cesspools rendered impervious	Nil
Cesspools emptied, cleansed, etc.	768
Cesspools abolished	Nil

### DISINFECTION

Rooms disinfected	66
(a) ordinary infectious disease	65
(b) tuberculosis	1
Rooms stripped and cleansed	12



## HOUSE REFUSE

Number of covered ashpits	7
Number of uncovered ashpits	Nil
Number of bins substituted for ashpits	Nil
Number of houses using bins	3,327
Is refuse removed by householders or by public scavengers?	Council
How often is refuse removed from each house?	Weekly.
Number of complaints of non-removal	Nil
Method of final disposal	Controlled Tip.
Are existing arrangements for refuse disposal satisfactory.	Yes

## NUISANCES

Total number of nuisances during the year	
(1) Abated as result of informal action by Sanitary Inspector	43
(2) Reported to Council, Statutory notice issued	2
" not "	Nil

## DETAILS OF NUISANCES ABATED

	After Informal Intimation.	After Stat. Notice
Overcrowding	Nil	-
Smoke	Nil	-
Accumulation of refuse	11	-
Foul ditches, ponds, stagnant water.	Nil	-
Foul pigs and other animals	5	-
Dampness	12	-
Yards re-paved or repaired	Nil	-
Other nuisances	15	-

Supplementary remarks to Sanitary Requirements of District, and extended notes from any of the foregoing entries.

Miscellaneous Visits totalled (These include visits in connection with house and trade refuse removal disposal and salvage, and visits to properties with agents, owners and builders.) 730

Infectious Disease Visits and Visits to Food premises	64
Inspections under Rats and Mice Destruction Act.	51

